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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to the Office Action of October 12, 2006. Applicant has included a petition for a three-month extension of time and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account 02-4377. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.